



## Louisville, KY's Bicycle Friendly Community application

**Name of Community:**

Louisville, KY

**Mayor or top elected official in municipality:**

Mayor Jerry Abramson

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Jonathan

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Villines

**Position:**

Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator

**Employer:**

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**Population:**

699827

**Square mileage of municipality, Total Area:**

385.00

**Square mileage of municipality, Water Area:**

14.00

**Square mileage of municipality, Land Area:**

371.00

**Population Density:**

1817.00

**Average temperature for January:**

34.00

**Average temperature for April:**

56.00

**Average temperature for July:**

78.00

**Average temperature for October:**

59.00

**Average precipitation for January:**

3.00

**Average precipitation for April:**

4.40

**Average precipitation for July:**

4.70

**Average precipitation for October:**

2.70

**Median Income:**

40793

**Age distribution, % under 20:**

26.70

**Age distribution, % 20 - 64:**

58.80

**Age distribution, % 65 - 84:**

12.70

**Age distribution, % 85+:**

2.00

**Race, % Hispanic or Latino :**

1.80

**Race, % Not Hispanic or Latino:**

98.20

**Race, % One race:**

98.60

**Race, % White:**

76.40

**Race, % Black or African American:**

18.90

**Race, % American Indian and Alaska Native:**

0.60

**Race, % Asian:**

1.40

**Race, % Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander:**

0.00

**Race, % Some other race:**

0.70

**Race, % Two or more races:**

**If you have Journey-to-Work census data on bicycling to work, what percentage of people in your community bike to work?**

0.20

**How many households are within 1/4 mile of a retail or business area?**

Most

**How many neighborhoods have significant grass, flowers, and trees?**

All

**How many neighborhoods have significant amenities such as parks, water fountains, benches, and public art?**

Most

**How many neighborhoods in your community would you consider a good place to raise children?**

All

**Do you have a Bicycle Master Plan?**

Yes

**Do you have a written bicycle accommodation policy?**

Yes

**What was your community's most significant investment for bicycling in the past year?**

Louisville has spent substantial time and resources over the past year planning and developing the various portions of our one-hundred mile "Louisville Loop" trail which will provide bicycle and pedestrian facilities around the entire county. In the past year, we (Louisville Metro) have spent over \$870,000 in planning for parts of the Loop and Parkways system. This does not reflect the several million spent by the non-profit organization 21st Century Parks to develop a master plan for the Floyd's Fork Greenway corridor which will comprise a substantial portion of the Loop (though this includes planning for parkland as well as bicycling facilities). The \$870K is for planning (not design) of bike/ped facilities alone for the Loop. We have also spent several hundred thousand dollars to complete construction of the Ohio River Levee Trail, the first 23 miles of the Louisville Loop to be opened to the public. This includes construction of a bridge over Mill Creek, itself valued at around \$500,000, which has since won numerous engineering and public works awards.

**List current community activities that encourage/promote bicycling.**

Louisville's bicycle program (Bike Louisville) has programs in each of the "Five E's" to support bicycling in our community. A sample of them includes: - Twice-yearly Mayor's Hike & Bike events, the latest of which drew over 4000 participants. - Occasional "specialty" rides including last year's "Chips Cronen Memorial Ride" which drew over 2000 riders, and this year's "Israel @ 60" ride which celebrates the 60th anniversary of Israel's founding. - Free Valet Bicycle Parking at Thunder Over Louisville as part of the Kentucky Derby Festival. Last year's event was the largest ever, drawing nearly 600 participants. - Bikes on Board program offered by the Transit Authority of River City, wherein every public transit bus in Louisville is equipped with bike racks. Last year saw over 100,000 users of this service. - Adult and Youth education programs offered at no charge to anyone who wishes to improve their skills and become a safer and more competent cyclist. - Freewheelin bike checkout program sponsored by Humana Corporation; modeled after the Velib free bike program in Paris, FR, this program will eventually make bicycles available for widespread checkout/rental by Louisville's residents and visitors. Work is well underway to enhance the technology and build public and private resources to support the system. Again, this is only some highlights from our Bike Louisville's "Five E's" program related to encouragement/promotion.

**List your official bicycle/pedestrian coordinator or bicycle issues contact person on government staff.**

Jonathan Villines

**What department is the bicycle coordinator located in?**

Public Works &amp; Assets

**How many hours are spent per year in this capacity?**

2000

**List all other government staff or contractors whose primary duties are devoted to bicycling issues.**

Transportation Planning Administrator, Dirk Gowin, devotes nearly all of his time to bicycle planning and project management.

**Do you have a Bicycle Advisory Committee, Ped/Bike Council or other venue for citizen input?**

Yes

**List the name of the Chair and their contact information.**Earl Jones, [earl.f.jones@ge.com](mailto:earl.f.jones@ge.com)

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## Engineering Section

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### **Do you have a policy that requires the accommodation of cyclists in all new road construction and reconstruction and resurfacing?**

Yes

#### **Provided policy**

Your accomodation policy is on file, [click here](#) to view it.

### **Have you provided training for your engineers and planners on how to accommodate cyclists?**

Yes

#### **Description**

In March 2005, engineers and planners in the Louisville community received training from the National Highway Institute. The National Highway Institute offered the training course over a one and a half day format that includes the latest technical information available in Bicycle Facility Design. Many individuals from the Louisville Metro government continue to attend and participate in regional and national workshops addressing the issue of accommodating cyclists. Several key members of the Louisville Metro Planning and Design Services have successfully completed the FHWA Bike Safe Bicycle Countermeasures Selection System Course. The city of Louisville has also obtained memberships in both the LAB and the APBP. With the aim of providing training on an on-going basis, Louisville Metro Planning and Design Services have acquired several programs from various cyclist groups and organizations. These include a variety of multimedia videos and DVDs from the APBP, the APBP Bike Parking Guidelines, and Chicago's Bike Lane Design Guide. The staff at Louisville Metro Planning and Design has also completed several web seminars to further train themselves in cyclist accommodation. The first two programs were through ITE, with one being a web based seminar entitled, "Innovative Bicycle Treatment," and the other involving professional development courses. The other courses were live web courses involving training on bicycle and pedestrian issues. The Transit Authority of the River City (TARC) implemented a new bike safety and awareness campaign in July 2006 in order to teach drivers and employees to be aware of cyclists and how to treat them in a safe manner. Over the course of late 2006 and all 2007, several more seminars have been held for Metro employees and other local planning and engineering professionals as well. These have covered a range of topics including Complete Streets, Designing Innovative Bicycle Facilities, Safe Routes to Schools, Designing Safe Pedestrian Facilities, and more trainings are scheduled for 2008.

### **Is there a mechanism to provide training on an on-going basis?**

Yes

### **How many bridges are in your community?**

859

### **How many are closed or inaccessible to cyclists?**

All bridges are accessible to cyclists with the exception of highway interstate bridges.

### **Of those accessible by bike, how many have shoulders, bike lanes, wide curb lanes, or multi-use paths?**

Most have shoulders and some have sidewalks, but the exact number is unknown.

### **Do you have a bike parking ordinance?**

Yes

#### **Provided policy**

Your ordinance is on file, [click here](#) to view it.

### **Are there bike racks or storage units at Schools?**

Most

**Are there bike racks or storage units at Libraries?**

Most

**Are there bike racks or storage units at Transit Stations?**

Some

**Are there bike racks or storage units at Recreation Centers?**

Most

**Are there bike racks or storage units at Government Buildings?**

Most

**Are there bike racks or storage units at Office Buildings?**

Few

**Are there bike racks or storage units at Retail Centers?**

Some

**Are there bike racks or storage units at Public Spaces and Parks?**

Most

**Are buses equipped with bike racks?**

All

**Can bikes be brought inside transit vehicles?**

Yes

**Please describe any restrictions**

All of the Transit Authority of the River City's (TARC) 244 full-length buses are equipped with bike racks. Bikes are allowed inside the bus on a case by case at the discretion of the operator dependent upon the number of people and handicapped individuals on the bus. A contingent of bicyclists and bike shop owners in Louisville is working to secure a guarantee from TARC (Transit Authority of River City) that anyone with an approved folding bike will be allowed to bring it onto a bus at any time.

**How many miles of bike lanes do you have?**

26

**How many miles of bike lanes are in your bicycle master plan?**

126

**What is the mileage of your total road network?**

3300

**What percent of arterial streets have bike lanes or paved shoulders?**

20

**How many miles of designated bike routes do you have?**

98

**How many miles of signed bike routes are in your bicycle master plan?**

98

**Please describe any maintenance programs or policies that ensure bike lanes and shoulders remain usable.****Routine maintainance:**

The bike lanes and shoulders are cleaned or swept five times per calendar year. A program is being developed in which a Metro or Metro-affiliated agency, likely the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD), will hire a part-time staff person with a dedicated maintenance vehicle to ride the primary elements of the bikeways network in a loop, performing routine maintenance tasks and logging more serious ones to ensure timely repairs.

**Capital Improvements:**

A comprehensive "Bikeways Capabilities Architecture" was developed in late 2006/early 2007. This involved an inventory of Metro's maintenance assets and procedures, and set forth recommendations as to how to potentially restructure maintenance activities to maximize efficiency. One suggestion is to examine the "life-cycle cost" of all new capital improvements, and to build those costs into planning for future budget activity.

**Please describe initiatives your community has taken to ensure or improve bicycle access, safety and convenience at intersections, including bicycle detection, signing and marking.**

The Louisville Metro government is implementing a new unified, system-wide signs project on streets and trails to direct cyclists along bike routes. The new signage will indicate specific highlights or features in that particular area. The trailhead signs will display a regional trail map to better display the route to the cyclists. The signage will display safe, specified bike routes to cyclists and help them safely navigate the city. Many of these signs and a sample of the trailhead have been installed, including those at the critical intersection of Lexington Rd. & Grinstead Dr. Louisville Metro government has spent nearly \$750,000 on improvements at the intersection of Lexington & Grinstead to help ensure the safety of cyclists in the community. The project narrowed the traffic lanes and extended the curbs to create "bike zones" where cyclists can safely wait to cross. Intersection crosswalks have been redesigned in the area and bike lanes added on both sides of Lexington Road, a major arterial leading into the entrance of Cherokee Park. A cyclist was killed at this precarious intersection in past years and several major cyclist accidents have occurred, but these major improvements are designed to reverse these grim statistics. Cyclists will be able to safely use this intersection to connect to Cherokee Park, one of the largest parks in the city with its own one-way bike loop. Almost all of the city's recent Safe Routes to Schools grant applications have focused specifically on intersection safety issues as they relate to bicyclists and pedestrians, including one complete intersection redesign to provide for such facilities.

**How many miles of paved or hard surface trails do you have?**

33

**How many miles of paved or hard surface trails are in your bicycle master plan?**

118

**How many miles of natural surface trails do you have?**

250

**How many miles of natural surface trails are open to mountain bikes?**

42

**What is the estimated acreage of open space and public lands within the community (city, county, state, and federal public lands)?**

15000

**Are these area open to cyclists?**

Most

**Please describe any maintenance programs or policies for multi-use paths.**

**Routine maintainance:**

All citizens are able and encouraged to call MetroCall 311 whenever a maintenance problem is observed, upon which time it is automatically logged into the city's ongoing maintenance system. A program is being developed in which a Metro or Metro-affiliated agency, likely the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD), will hire a part-time staff person with a dedicated maintenance vehicle to ride the primary elements of the bikeways network in a loop, performing routine maintenance tasks and logging more serious ones to ensure timely repairs.

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**Does your community have an ordinance or local code requirement for employers to provide bicycle parking, shower facilities, etc.?**

Yes

**Provided ordinance**

Your ordinance is on file, [click here](#) to view it.

**Describe recreational facilities for cyclists such as a low traffic rural roads and signed routes.**

A major recreational facility in the city of Louisville is the Waterfront Park. Throughout the park and riverwalk area, there are multi-use paths for cyclists as well as runners and walkers. At this site, there is a bike rental facility that allows tourists and locals to utilize the bike paths. So as to create future recreational facilities for cyclists, new and existing trails within Louisville will be integrated into the transportation network and complete the "Metro Loop," a bike trail circuit surrounding Jefferson County, as part of the "City of Parks." Beyond the 98 miles of signed bike routes in Louisville - low-volume, often residential streets which are designed so as to connect between neighborhood parks and other destinations - there is a wide array of excellent, rural, recreational riding in the Louisville area. The Louisville Bicycle Club has identified many miles of routes in and around the urbanized Louisville area which have become part of regular cycle touring routes.

**Are there other facilities that have been created to promote bicycling in your community?**

Yes

**If yes, please describe:**

1) The Ohio River Levee Trail is a 27-mile pedestrian and bike route along the Ohio River, which has now been completed. This includes a \$500,000 dedicated bike/ped bridge across Mill Creek. 2) Olmsted Parkway improvements, costing roughly \$10 million, which will better connect the Olmsted Parks system and add a total of 12 center-lane miles to the existing facilities. 3) The Louisville Metro government has designed an extensive striping and signage plan as part of the Seneca Park loop extension eastward to Old Cannons and Dutchman's Lane as well as west to Beargrass Creek Butchertown Greenway. Installation of this signage is substantially complete. 4) Third Street Corridor bike lanes have been added to the city, which connect downtown to the University of Louisville Main Belknap Campus. 5) Five Mile Multi-Use Lane at Cherokee Park 6) One Mile Multi Use Lane on Eastern Parkway 7) BMX track created at E.P. Tom Sawyer State Park 8) Louisville Extreme Park, a nationally recognized skate park, which includes biking opportunities for all ages. The park was designed with the input of a local task force and has hosted several national competitions. 9) Implementation of a unified, system-wide signage process geared towards directing cyclists to major destinations and other nearby bicycle facilities. 10) Cyclocross track at the old River Rd. country club which attracted a top national tournament in 2007. 11) Numerous major bike lane projects have been completed over the past year. 12) A new "Scenic Loop" bicycling and walking path - half of the park's loop road - was created in Shawnee Park, providing it with a similar facility to those found in Iroquois and Cherokee Parks. 13) Shared-use paths have been constructed along Taylorsville Rd. in front of Bowman Field Airport, in Joe Creason Park along Trevillian Way across from the Louisville Zoo, and (in smaller stretches) elsewhere.



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## Education Section

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### How do you educate motorists to share the road with cyclists? Please describe:

The city and state educate motorists to share the road with cyclists through a wide range of methods. For example, the city has sponsored several Public Service Announcements on Metro TV and dispensed safety tips and education materials to the public on the website [www.bikelouisville.com](http://www.bikelouisville.com). Through Louisville media outlets, radio, and TV, Metro Louisville and local nonprofit organizations continually educate motorists and cyclists on the responsibilities of sharing the road. Cycling events throughout the city have also provided a unique opportunity to educate motorists and cyclists on how to share the road, because city streets are not blocked during cycling events. This helps to educate both motorists and the participating cyclists with a firsthand experience on how to properly share the road. The Louisville Bicycle Club, through grants from the city, sponsors several education programs. TARC has recently completed a second Car Free Guide, with funding from ACTIVE Louisville and the American Public Transit Association, which educates individuals on how to get around the St. Matthews suburb via alternative transportation. In addition, signage and brochures to educate motorists and cyclists are dispersed throughout the city at various events and a "Share the Road" campaign has been initiated by the state and extended throughout Kentucky.

### How many community motorists do you reach with these efforts?

Some

### Are there other bicycle education opportunities for adults?

Yes

#### Please describe

Louisville Metro has awarded a \$10,000 grant to the Louisville Bicycle Club to offer free bicycle handling and safety classes geared towards all adult citizens. The Bike to Work celebration, an annual event to promote bicycling as a viable mode of transportation, is utilized to provide on-the-ground education to participating cyclists on cycling in Louisville. The Mayor's Healthy Hometown Hike and Bike, an event geared toward getting the citizens of the community onto their bikes, provides an educational opportunity to participants by showing them proper on road riding techniques and safety during the event. New cyclists can learn how to share the road with motorists and how to properly ride their bike throughout the Louisville community. Bicycling for Louisville has classes geared towards women as well as beginners. The classes allow for the participants to learn how to choose equipment, make basic repairs and ride safely.

### Do you have a bicycle safety program for children in schools?

Yes

#### Please describe

The Louisville Metro Police and Jefferson County Public Schools work in conjunction with Safety City to educate 2nd grade students regarding bicycle safety in addition to vehicular and pedestrian safety. Bicycling for Louisville, an organization helmed by Barry Zalph, has received a \$10,000 grant from Louisville Metro to develop a curriculum for school children from grades 6 to 8 on bike safety and responsibility. Bicycling for Louisville provides LAB Kids 2 bicycle safety courses for students in four area middle schools.

### How many schools participate?

75 out of 152

### What other types of bicycle safety and education opportunities are available for children?

The Governor's Highway Safety Branch of the KY State Police in conjunction with the Safe Kids Coalition, a local child safety coalition, provides funding for BIKES, Behavior Illustrating Knowledge Ensures Safety. This is a safety awareness program that provides presentations and rodeos for 3-5th graders at Jefferson County Public Schools, private schools, youth groups, providing over 60 programs a year for Jefferson County. Bicycling for Louisville, a non-profit group dedicated to increasing bicycle awareness and education, offers the ACTIVE Louisville Youth Bicycle Repair and Education program that teaches inner-city youth bicycle repair, safe riding skills, and long distance bicycle riding training to improve health and self esteem.

**How many children participate?**

20000

**Do you make bicycle safety materials available to the public?**

Yes

**Please describe**

Louisville Metro provides brochures targeted to both cyclists and non-cyclists at all major events. At the Mayor's Healthy Hometown Hike and Bike, Metro Louisville gave away 1,000 helmets in 2006 and 2007. At every major bicycling event, a piece of reflective safety gear is distributed. Most recently, a reflective "Wristwallet" which has enclosed a card containing safety information about the Louisville Loop and other bikeways, was created and is currently being distributed.

**Do you have a bicycle ambassador program that educates community members on local opportunities for bicycling and answers their questions?**

No

**Do you have League Cycling Instructors in your area?**

Yes

**Please list their names:**

Tom Knight LCI #: 471 KC; Joseph Ward LCI #: 171; Barry Zalph #1339; Steve Srason; Steve Anderson; A.B. Sandefur; Scott Whitehair; Glenn Todd

**Is bicycle safety education included in routine local activities (e.g. tax renewal, drivers licensing and testing, or inserts with utility bills each month)?**

Yes

**Please describe**

The drivers license manual and test includes a section on bicycle "rules of the road."

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Encouragement Section

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**How do you promote National Bike Month in May (or another month)?**

Bike to Work Day celebration.

**How many people do you reach with events and activities during this celebration?**

500

**Do you actively promote Bike to Work Day or other bicycle commuting incentive programs?**

Yes

**Please describe**

From 2004, we have celebrated Bike to Work week in May with a festival including free food, prizes, music, keynote speakers, and valet bike parking. This year, we took a different approach and attempted to gain more media coverage with a televised interview of Barry Zalph (Bicycling For Louisville) and other bicycle commuters on the benefits of bike commuting.

**What portion of the community workforce do you reach?**

Some

**Is there an annual bike tour or ride promoted to the general public in your community?**

Yes

**Please describe**

Our biggest bicycle events are the Mayor's Hike and Bikes held on Memorial Day and Labor Day. These rides are approximately 15 miles in length, with ample support, and reach a broad range of cyclist. Number of riders

**Are there community road and mountain bike clubs, bicycle advocacy organizations or racing clubs?**

Yes

**Please describe**

Louisville is home of the Louisville Bicycle Club ([www.louisvillebicycleclub.org](http://www.louisvillebicycleclub.org)) with over 1,000 members. Club rides are available every day of the week. Other clubs include Kentucky Mountain Biking Association ([www.kymba.org](http://www.kymba.org)), and Southern Indiana Wheelmen ([www.siwheelmen.org](http://www.siwheelmen.org)). Bicycling For Louisville ([www.bicyclingforlouisville.org](http://www.bicyclingforlouisville.org)) is a local advocacy organization.

**How many specialty bicycle retailers (i.e., bike shops, not big box retailers like K-Mart or Wal-Mart) are there in your community?**

17

**Are there other bicycling areas or facilities such as BMX tracks, velodromes or mountain bike centers in your community? Please describe.**

Louisville Extreme Park for skaters and bikers Mountain biking trails are available in many of our Metro Parks.

**Does your trail system have a unit of the National Mountain Bike Patrol?**

No

**Are there opportunities to rent bicycles in your community or other recreational opportunities involving bicycling?**

Yes

**Please describe**

Wheel Fun Rentals rents bikes in the Waterfront Park. Additionally, Humana is implementing the Freewheelin" bike rental program.

**Do you have Safe Routes to School program that includes bicycling?**

Yes

**How many schools are involved?**

Some

**Please describe**

Bike education is offered to those schools that have received Safe Routes to School funds. Our intent is to expand this program through the Jefferson County Public School System.

**Does your community have youth recreation and intervention programs that are centered around bicycling?**

Yes

**Please describe**

Louisville Metro Police provide bike safety rodeos at schools and Parks throughout the year.

**Do you publish a bike map and keep it up to date?**

Yes

**Please describe**

Mapping is available on-line for download at [www.louisvilleky.gov/bikelouisville](http://www.louisvilleky.gov/bikelouisville). Interactive maps including bike routes are available from "My Louisville," through LOJIC ([www.lojic.org](http://www.lojic.org)). In production of new maps modeled after the City of Portland.

**Do you publish a map of mountain bike trails?**

No

**Please describe**

no answer provided

**Please describe any other efforts in your community to encourage cycling**

Host for Ironman Competition. Host for USA Cycling Masters Road Nationals. Planning for Bike Summit II, this November.

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**Enforcement Section**

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**Is your local police department aware of the concerns of cyclists in your community?**

Yes

**Is there a liaison that communicates with the bicycling community?**

No

**If yes, please describe**

Not presently, past liaison has been promoted and we are seeking a replacement.

**Do you offer specific training to police officers regarding traffic law as it applies to bicyclists?**

No

**If yes, please describe**

no answer provided

**Do you use targeted enforcement to encourage cyclists and motorists to share the road safely?**

Yes

**If yes, please describe**

Utilization of police stings at bike crossings. Plains clothes officers cross with ped activated signals communicate by radio with fellow officers in cars of violations in intersections.

**Do you have public safety employees on bikes?**

Yes

**If yes, please describe**

Bike patrol officers.

**Indicate the number of employees on bike as well as the size of the entire staff.**

4 bike patrol officers in 8 Divisions, total 32. Approximately 1,200 officers total.

**Do you have a mandatory helmet law?**

Yes

**To what ages does it apply?**

Under the age of 18 (within Metro Parks).

**Do you have mandatory sidepath laws?**

No

**If so, what is the status of these laws?**

Local Law

**Are they enforced**

No

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Evaluation & Planning Section

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**Do you have any information on the number of trips by bike in your community including census data?**

Yes

**Please describe**

Metrowide data available through the US Census numbers only. Automated counters and manual counts provide spot information.

**How many cyclist/motor vehicle fatalities have occurred in your community in the past five years?**

10

**How many cyclist/motor vehicle crashes have occurred in your community in the past five years?**

no answer provided

**Do you have any specific plan or program to reduce these numbers?**

Yes

**Do you have a system in place that allows bicyclists to submit ideas and concerns to public officials?**

Yes

**Please describe**

Bicycle list service, Metro one-call (311), Bike Louisville website ([www.louisvilleky.gov/bikelouisville](http://www.louisvilleky.gov/bikelouisville)).

**Do you have a comprehensive bicycle plan?**

No

**When was it passed or updated?****Is it funded?**

no answer provided

**What percentage has been implemented?**

no answer provided

**Do you have a trails master plan that addresses mountain bike access?**

No

**And are there ongoing relations between the mountain biking community and the community recreation and planning staff?**

Yes

**Is your bicycle network part of the broader development plans, land use plans, and ongoing development projects?**

No

**How many trails, bike lanes, paved shoulders, bike routes connect with each other to provide a seamless transportation options?**

Some

**Have you evaluated your transportation network and prioritized bicycle improvements based on hazards and needs?**

No

**What specific improvements do you have planned for bicycling for the following year?**

Development of a Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan in order to develop a safe, efficient, and comprehensive regional bicycle and pedestrian network. Following are the tasks to be included within the Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan: " Identification of priority corridors based upon safety, connectivity to population centers, transit routes, and air quality benefits; " Generalized cost estimate of projects; " Priority of efforts considering benefits versus costs for consideration of inclusion into the Transportation Improvement Program and Horizon 2030; and " Implementation strategies including a listing of possible funding sources.

**What are the three primary reasons your city deserves to be designated as a Bicycle Friendly Community? Reason One:**

Louisville Loop: One of the most exciting elements of the City of Parks initiative is the plan to complete a paved Louisville Loop trail of more than 100 miles around the community. In addition to connecting Louisville's diverse parks and neighborhoods, this path includes planned connections to Southern Indiana and surrounding Kentucky counties, offering significant new opportunities for recreation and alternative transportation. The Ohio River Levee Trail and the RiverWalk are now connected, and the loop is approximately 25% complete. This will allow a bicyclist or pedestrian to travel nearly 25 miles from downtown to Riverside, the Farnsley-Moremen Landing along paved multi-use paths.

**What are the three primary reasons your city deserves to be designated as a Bicycle Friendly Community? Reason Two:**

Mayor's Healthy Hometown Movement: The Mayors Healthy Hometown Movement (MHHM), launched in September 2004, was designed to address the health status of the community. The MHHM focuses on the benefits of physical activity and nutrition, providing information and examples that demonstrate how to implement physical activity and incorporate nutrition choices as part of daily life. The MHHM has launched a number of popular programs including the Mayors Hike and Bikes which attract thousands of bicyclists downtown twice a year. At each Hike and Bike, over 300 helmets are distributed to children and adults, at no cost.

**What are the three primary reasons your city deserves to be designated as a Bicycle Friendly Community? Reason Three:**

Louisville Metro Complete Streets Ordinance: The Louisville Metro Complete Streets Manual is among the most comprehensive documents of its kind in the United States. Louisville is one of only roughly twenty other communities around the nation which have adopted a form of Complete Streets. Complete Streets means routinely providing accommodation on all new and reconstructed roadways for ALL users: bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists, transit users, and people with disabilities. Some cities have a policy statement in the form of local ordinance or a section of their zoning code. Others have design guidelines showing how streets can accommodate all users based on pure engineering judgment and/or "Context Sensitive" solutions " design which considers the character of the neighborhoods through which streets pass.

**What are the three aspects of your community most in need of improvement in order to accommodate bicyclists? Number One Aspect:**

Education: With the number of new riders, we see an increase in riders without helmets, riding on sidewalks, riding against traffic. This results in many complaints from motorists. Our goal is a "social marketing" campaign to educate cyclists and motorist.

**What are the three aspects of your community most in need of improvement in order to accommodate bicyclists? Number Two Aspect:**

Enforcement: Louisville Metro Police are not actively ticketing bike riders breaking the law, unless it's a wildly dangerous situation. Higher priority calls are taking up most of their time. Motorists are not be ticketed for harrasing cyclist. Goal is to hold motorists and cyclists accountable to obeying the law, making it safer to share the road.

**What are the three aspects of your community most in need of improvement in order to accommodate bicyclists? Number Three Aspect:**

Facilities: Currently, Louisville Metro bike facilities include: 30 miles shared use paths; 26 miles of bike lanes; 100 miles of signed bike routes; and 4 miles of wide curb lanes, totaling 160 miles of facilities. Our goal is that every Metro resident has to travel less than one mile to access a bike facility. This will require a fourfold increase in facilities.